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of increases elsewhere on rate of return rather than costs, which might make up for the rate of return that's being forgone by the use of this amendment. I would feel better, before Final Reading, if there was a letter in your hands from the moving parties behind this provision saying not only do we not intend to subsidize costs but we don't intend to shift rate of return to other people as well. I think it sounds to me as if it's been justified to your committee and to Legislature as a no-lose to other ratepayers while we make this adjustment for economic expansion. If that's the case, I'd like to have that not just in costs but in rate of return. I don't have to have it in the bill, I don't have to have it in an amendment, but I do have to have it as...I would like to have it as an assurance for which we had a written record that that would be the case. I would recommend to you, between now and Final Reading, that you go back to the people who said, don't worry, there won't be any other costs to other people, that they not only make that clear with respect to the costs but also the rate of return that they're going to expect from other ratepayers, which may go up to make that pie larger. Just a thought on my part. I'd recommend that idea to you. I do intend to vote for the bill but, by Final Reading, I will want to know an answer to that question before I vote on Final Reading. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler waves off. Senator...did you want to close, Senator Schrock? Senator Schrock waives...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, I would just say that Senator Landis, I think, has a reasonable request and we will do what we can to accommodate that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The question before the body is...Senator Erdman, for a motion.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 243 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the body is, shall LB 243 be advanced to E & R for engrossing? All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk.